Housing Scheme for Relatives of Kargil Martyrs

1948. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minsiter of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the DDA has introduced a housing scheme for the relatives of the Kargil Martyrs and disabled personnel;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of relatives of the Kargil Martyrs and disabled personnel shown interest to have flat from DDA;

(d) the price at which DDA would offer them flats; and

(e) by when the flats are likely to be construct and handed over to the flat seekers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The DDA have introduced a Scheme Vijayee Veer Awas Yojana for allotment of flats to the widows/next of kin/dependents of the soldiers killed and permanently disabled in "Operation Vijay'.

(b) The DDA propose to construct 414 flats, 1312 Type "A' (2 bedroom) plus 102 Type "B' (3-bedroom) at Sector 18-A, Dwarka, New Delhi under the said Vijayee Veer Awas Yojana at an estimated cost of Rs. 18.86 crores.

The flats are proposed to be constructed on Group Housing Pattern. The housing blocks are to be three storeyed connected by walkway at all the level with ramps at a few places making upper floor accessible to disabled personnel also.

(c) The DDA have so far received 108 applications (97 for Type "A' flats and 11 for Type "B' flats) from the dependents of the soldiers killed and from those permanetly disabled in "Operation Vijay'.

(d) The DDA as a mark of nationa's gratitude to the Indian soldier involved in "Operation Vijay', is providing these flats on concessional price. The approximate cost is expected to be around Rs. 3.98 lakhs for Type "A' and Rs. 5.93 lakhs for Type "B' flats.

(e) The proposed flats for which the foundation stone was laid on 25.12.1999, are scheduled to be completed within 12 months. Possession letters would be issued after completing the required codal formalities by the allottees

as per the allotment letters & on receipt of full payment and duly stamped conveyance deed by the DDA.

Collapse in Urban Amenities Due to Migration

†1949. SHRI JANESHWAR MISRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of people coming to cities from villages is increasing day-by-day;

(b) whether it is also a fact that basic amenities in cities have collapsed as a result thereof; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) While the urban infrastructure in the cities is strained, however, the Government has taken a number of measures to improve urban living conditions and deficiency of services in urban India. Some of the important measures include Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns, Mega City Schemes and Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme, Environmental Improvement of Urban Slums (EIUS), National Slum Development programme, 73rd and 74th Constitutional Amendments for empowering Local Bodies, Repeal of Urban Land Ceiling Act (ULCA), National Housing Policy etc., as also involvement of private sector in resource mobilization for housing and urban infrastructure projects.

Removal of Jhuggi Clusters

1950. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the number of Jhuggis surrounding Government quarters in Sarojini Nagar XY Block, Laxmibai Nagar Barat Ghar and also over the nearby drain is constantly multiplying as a result of which atmosphere of these colonies has got polluted;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.